

PRESIDENT MOUL: Are you finished, Senator Hudkins?

SENATOR HUDKINS: Yes, I'm sorry. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Hudkins. We'll now recognize senators wishing to speak to the Hudkins amendment. Senator Lindsay, followed by Senator Hall and Senator Bernard-Stevens. Senator Lindsay.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Madam President and members. First, for the record, I don't have a problem with this amendment although the first time I saw it was today about eleven o'clock. We did receive some questions from the Department of...or from the State Patrol. They had some concerns. We agreed to take care of them. I've got an amendment up for that purpose later on. This series of amendments which were brought are intended, when we get down to the last one, to gut the bill and so to that extent I think we should all be aware of that from the first place. The letter that you received a copy of today is, at best, misleading from the Regional Administrator of the department. You should have a copy of it on your desk in which he states, and we've since had contact with him and he sent us two different letters and each time backing down a little bit, but still infusing his personal opinion. Bottom line is the guy that wrote that letter opposes this bill and he's in Kansas City and now we've got Kansas City, Missouri people who are lobbying here in the Legislature through use of these letters to MAD Mothers and that was the genesis of this letter. Bottom line, the regulations are right here. It does not impact federal money. We do not lose federal money. It does not impact ALR and that's why the reason that Mr. McPherson who wrote that letter gave as the reason for losing money. It does not cost us money. There were questions that I think were appropriately raised by Senator Pirsch at General File that said, is this going to impact the ALR. My response, no, this will not impact ALR, this has nothing to do with ALR, this has to do with the criminal (inaudible) case. We discussed at length that. ALR continues in effect. If a license is revoked under ALR, the license stays revoked and it does not impact that. You're free to look through the statute and if anybody wants a copy I'd be happy to give it to you. There's some copies laying around over in this area. The Federal Register has the rules and regs that say the same thing on those issues that do impact federal funds, and this one that